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Roberto,

The scope of the National Priorities Oil and Gas solicitation will be expanded to address 2 or more of the research questions. Because of the expanded scope, NCER would like to modify the award structure to make one single award at 2M. It is our belief that a single 2M grant will more effectively address the National Priorities topic than 3 individual 665K grants. The increased in effectiveness will be realized through the synergistic consideration of multiple research projects as opposed to one topic at a time.

Please work with Bruce and OGD to determine the process to make the change. If possible, we'd like to make the change through a modification since we're only changing the award amount and the number of questions to which the applicants should respond. The RFA has only been open a short amount of time, but we should also plan to extend the announcement by a week or so.

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